

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2004. Claims 4-7 and 9 are allowed, and claims 1-3, 8, and 10-26 are cancelled.

Allowable Claims 4-7 and 9

Claims 4-7 and 9 are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner have claims 4-7 and 9 expeditiously proceed to issuance.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 8, and 10-26

Applicant respectfully traverses all rejections of claims 1-3, 8, and 10-26. However, without prejudice, Applicant herein cancels claims 1-3, 8, and 10-26 in order to expedite prosecution of claims 4-7 and 9. Applicant does not cancel any of claims 1-3, 8, and 10-26 for reasons relating to patentability, but desires to avoid any delay in the issuance of allowed claims 4-7 and 9.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue and argue the patentability of claims 1-3, 8, and/or 10-26 in one or more additional patent applications. Applicant does not surrender any subject matter.

Rejection to the Specification Under 35 U.S.C. § 132

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner requests that Applicant cancel text added to the specification that characterizes the recesses as “equilateral” or “isosceles.” Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection and requests reconsideration of the

rejection. However, without prejudice, Applicant cancels the additional text in order to expedite prosecution of allowed claims 4-7 and 9.

Applicant reserves the right (i) to include the additional text as part of the specification of a continuation application, (ii) to claim priority in the continuation application to the present application to obtain the benefit of the filing date of the present application, and (iii) to present argument in the continuation application that the additional text does not constitute new matter.

Additional Amendment to the Specification

Applicant requests additional minor amendment to the passage added May 20, 2003. The Examiner will note that the requested amendment to the specification is for two purposes: (1) to enhance the internal consistency of the vocabulary used in the passage; and (2) to enhance the clarity of the passage. Applicant respectfully submits that the requested amendment to the specification does not constitute new matter and requests that the Examiner allow this portion of the amendment to the specification.

Date of the Amendment of May 2003

Applicant observes that there is a discrepancy in the filing date of the Amendment of May 2003, noting multiple dates in the record and on PAIR. Applicant believes the correct date for the amendment is May 16, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner clarify this issue for the record.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that Applicant has fully responded to the Examiner's concerns and that all of the pending claims are in condition for immediate issuance. Applicant respectfully requests immediate issuance of all pending claims.

To the extent there is any fee required in connection with the receipt, acceptance and/or consideration of this paper and/or any accompanying papers submitted herewith, please charge all such fees to Deposit Account 50-1943.

Applicant requests that any questions concerning this matter be directed to the undersigned at (215) 299-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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